



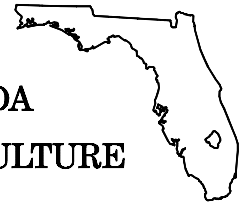
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POTATO STOCKS

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POTATO STOCKS UP 2 PERCENT

The 15 major potato States held 204 million cwt of potatoes in storage February 1, 2005, up 2 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 51 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type were 2 percent red, 11 percent round white, 2 percent long white (Shepody), and 85 percent russets, with a smaller percentage of reds and round whites but a larger percentage of russets than a year ago.

Disappearance of 199 million cwt from the start of harvest to February 1, is down 2 percent from last year and 4 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 22.5 million cwt, is up 10 percent from both last year and the same date in 2003.

Processors used 101 million cwt of 2004 crop potatoes so far this season, down 1 percent from a year ago and 6 percent below two years ago. Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon processing increased 2 percent from a year ago, while Washington and the rest of Oregon processing is virtually unchanged from last season. December usage, at 15.0 million cwt, is 5 percent above last year and up 1 percent from two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 20.0 million cwt of the total processing, down 9 percent from last year and 16 percent below the same date in 2003.

Western States held 141 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, up 4 percent from last year but 2 percent below two years ago. California's potato stocks are up 19 percent from last year, while Idaho's and Montana's storages both hold 12 percent more. Potato sheds in Colorado stored 2 percent more than last year. Oregon's potato stocks are down 13 percent and Washington's sheds stored 4 percent less than last year.

Central States accounted for 49.5 million cwt of potato stocks on February 1, down 5 percent from last year but 14 percent above two years ago. Michigan's potato stocks are down 15 percent, Minnesota potato sheds stored 8 percent less than last year, and Wisconsin's stocks decreased 3 percent. Nebraska and Ohio potato stocks combined decreased 10 percent from last year. North Dakota's sheds are the only ones in the Central States storing more potatoes than last year with an increase of 2 percent.

Eastern States stored 13.3 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, up 5 percent from last year and 18 percent above two years ago. New York's stocks are up 18 percent from last year, while Maine stocks increased 6 percent. Pennsylvania's sheds decreased 18 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on February 1, 2004 and 2005^{1/}

State	Crop of 2004			Crop of 2005		
	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2004	Percent of production	Production	Stocks Feb 1, 2005 ^{2/}	December as percent of production
	1,000 cwt		Percent	1,000 cwt		Percent
California	3,528	1,600	45	3,876	1,900	49
Colorado	23,652	12,600	53	23,148	12,900	56
Idaho	123,180	67,000	54	131,970	75,000	57
Maine	17,030	10,500	62	19,220	11,100	58
Michigan	15,015	6,200	41	13,650	5,300	39
Minnesota	22,330	11,100	50	18,920	10,200	54
Montana	3,339	2,900	87	3,551	3,250	92
Nebraska	9,744	4,600	47	9,288		
New York	6,510	1,100	17	5,184	1,300	25
North Dakota	27,440	15,000	55	26,765	15,300	57
Ohio	1,097	130	12	1,080		
Oregon	20,991	13,500	64	19,775	11,800	60
Pennsylvania	3,375	1,100	33	2,640	900	34
Washington	93,150	38,000	41	93,810	36,500	39
Wisconsin	32,800	14,900	45	30,450	14,500	48
Other States					4,240	
Total 15 States	403,181	200,230	50	403,327	204,190	51

^{1/} Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

^{2/} Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

POTATOES: Quantity used for processing, nine States, 2002-2004 ^{1/}

State	Crop year	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Entire season
<i>1,000 cwt</i>									
Idaho & Malheur County, Oregon	2002	28,380	34,860	41,200	48,600	56,240	63,840	71,280	85,390
	2003	24,310	30,730	36,260	43,640	49,570	56,380	63,770	77,530
	2004	24,360	30,840	36,820					
Maine ^{2/}	2002	2,230	2,715	3,345	3,905	4,505	5,225	5,905	7,835
	2003	1,590	2,085	2,720	3,420	4,095	4,740	5,400	7,270
	2004	1,555	1,985	2,615					
Washington and Other areas, Oregon	2002	33,680	39,490	44,190	51,920	58,710	64,300	71,480	79,110
	2003	32,670	38,520	43,610	51,210	58,500	64,160	72,350	79,800
	2004	32,305	38,130	43,570					
Other States ^{3/}	2002	12,675	15,530	18,735	21,780	24,810	27,405	30,655	38,700
	2003	13,835	16,505	19,590	22,685	25,920	29,480	32,845	42,160
	2004	12,525	15,035	18,005					
Total	2002	76,965	92,595	107,470	126,205	144,265	160,770	179,320	211,035
	2003	72,405	87,840	102,180	120,955	138,085	154,760	174,365	206,760
	2004	70,745	85,990	101,010					
Dehydrated ^{4/}	2002	15,675	19,660	23,710	27,950	31,915	36,105	40,455	48,940
	2003	14,250	18,440	22,050	26,090	30,290	34,630	39,070	47,750
	2004	13,365	17,015	19,995					

^{1/} Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI.

^{2/} Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

^{3/} CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

^{4/} Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks, 15 Major States, 1995 through 2004

Crop Year	Production	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1 ^{1/}
<i>1,000 Cwt</i>								
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,327	271,800	238,220	204,190				

^{1/} Data not available prior to 1998.